

### OIL CODE CONSIDERED

An oil code which will illustrate proper oil field installations will soon be drafted, George Powell, secretary to the Planning Commission stated this week.

The code will be an outgrowth of the streamlined oil field ordinance passed recently

by the City Council. Among the first producers to submit plans for improved safety devices on oil field installations was Standard Oil, according to Powell.

### Enrollment Growth

Enrollment in Torrance schools has grown from 3166 pupils 1948 to 15,900 pupils this year.

### Off-Street Parking To Be Discussed

The all important problem of securing additional parking in the down-town business section will be the subject for discussion at the next regular breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, according to A. E. (Tommy) Thompson, chamber director in charge of the program.

Date of this breakfast is Tuesday morning, September 20, 7:30 at the YWCA building.

Action necessary to be taken to create the Off-Street Parking Assessment District will be set forth. Probable cost to property owners and others affected by the creation of this district will be given.

Reservations may be made by calling FAirfax 8-2814.

### Building Total Hits \$33 Million

Torrance's building total for August reached \$4,522,012, thus bringing the total for the year to \$33,155,231, according to Building Department officials. Last year's total through August was \$27,634,732.

### Classrooms Needed

A total of 127 classrooms are needed to eliminate double sessions in Torrance schools.

## Israeli Finds Residents "Warm, Wonderful"

By NORALEE BENEDICT

"Of all the nice things about Torrance, I like most the friendliness and warmth of the people." This was the comment made by a new resident in town, Shmuel Elagar, from Israel.

Elagar arrived in America three weeks ago to live with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Boxer of 22809 Ladeene. Boxer met his wife in 1951 when he was studying under one of the Government Education Department courses in Israel. She was a teacher in the school there. He married her and they returned to America to live. They have two children, Eli, 3, and Mark, 4 months.



WELCOME TRAVELER... Shmuel Elagar has arrived in Torrance from Israel to live with his sister, Mrs. David Boxer, and her family, while he attends UCLA. They are examining a plaque made entirely of different colored sands from the Negev desert. Mrs. Boxer wears an Israeli blouse. The Boxers live at 22809 Ladeene.—Press Photo.

## Mayor Praises Response To Disaster Fund Appeal

The outstanding success of the recent emergency flood disaster appeal, which sky-rocketed over the top of its \$175,000 goal, was gratefully attributed by Red Cross leaders to thousands of Los Angeles area residents whose contributions totaled more than \$200,000.

In message of thanks directed to Torrance residents, Mayor Albert Isen, local Red Cross chairman, declared:

"The people of Torrance are to be sincerely congratulated on responding so swiftly and generously to the Red Cross emergency fund plea. In two weeks' time—starting from scratch—the Los Angeles area oversubscribed its assigned quota of \$175,000 in the nationwide appeal for \$10,000,000.

"The job of providing food, clothing and temporary shelter is nearing a close—but the long term and most expensive job of rehabilitation remains to be done. Funds contributed by people here and throughout the nation will be used to repair and restore homes, furnish them with the essentials, and in many cases to provide long range medical care for those seriously injured," Mayor Isen pointed out.

Latest available statistics indicate that Red Cross disaster funds reached \$202,650.00. Reporting on a round-up bulletin from national headquarters, Mayor Isen said that "completed surveys show 34,527 families suffered losses in the flood waters, and that 1326 homes were completely destroyed and more than 20,000 others damaged.

The industrial application of diamonds and the uses to which the tools are put were discussed.

### DIAMONDS DISCUSSED

A program entitled "Diamond Mining in South Africa" was presented by Von Bergen at the last meeting of the Torrance Kiwanis Club.

He used colored slides with

is fond of dancing, movies, theatre, gardening, and photography.

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### Them Cars Looked Mighty Good, Pa'dner

A passion for western clothing and flashy new cars landed a Gardena man in jail this week on charges of passing about \$5000 in bad checks, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton.

Ready to plead guilty to passing worthless checks is Gerald J. Larson, of 18616 Normandie ave., according to police. Hearing has been set for this Friday in South Bay municipal court.

Larson's wild check-passing spree covered a territory including Torrance, Los Angeles, Venice, Vernon, Santa Monica, Big Bear, Hawthorne, and Inglewood since August 20, according to Ashton.

Larson allegedly passed a \$700 check at Butler Buick co. here August 27 as down payment on a new car.

Larson then drove the new car to Inglewood, according to

Ashton, and turned in the new car for another 1955 model, writing another false check.

Inglewood authorities found him in a bar wearing a western outfit.

The new Butler Buick automobile which was traded in for another new model in Inglewood had been resold by the Inglewood dealer, according to detectives.

Larson has a previous police record for burn check passing, petty theft, and assault and battery.

A bench warrant was out for him by Gardena when he failed to appear in court August 18.

Larson has been married and is the father of a four-year-old girl.

### Car Salesmen Take To Skis For Race

Three time world's champion water skier, John Meares of Florida, now a South Bay resident, entered in Sunday's Catalina water skiing race, it was announced this morning by his driver, Walt Sanford.

The race, which has over 100 entrants, will be from Long Beach harbor to the isthmus at Catalina and back to Long Beach harbor—non stop!

Meares says the longest he has skied at one time is nine hours "so the distance of the course doesn't bother me." The course will measure about 70 miles.

"The Beast (the name of the boat pulling Meares) will probably negotiate most of the course at 30 knots," related Sanford. "We could do as much as 50 miles per hour but the chop would rip us to shreds. I don't think the speed of the boat will be as big a factor in the eventual winner as the teamwork between the skipper and skier," Sanford concluded.

Meares, who has appeared in five motion pictures with Esther Williams, and who has done stunt work in the movies, moved to the South Bay two months ago from Florida.

Meares captured the world titles in 1949, '50 and '51 in competition with the best in the business. He has completed eight times for the universal title. In '49 he won at Acapulco while in '50 it was in Wisconsin and at renowned Cypress Gardens, Fla., in '51. Meares has competed in over 30 international events.

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He mentioned that there was a vast difference in the educational system over here. At the Haifa Technion one studies a particular subject for an entire year and, if that one is not completed satisfactorily, it must be taken over before proceeding to the next year's subject.

### Other Differences

There are many other new things which he finds fascinating; such as the great number of automobiles, telephones, and fences, the television sets, and the bright colors worn by the men.

He finds the abundance of meat very unusual. In Israel the people are rationed to about three or four ounces per week.

Wood is very scarce over there and he was amazed to find so many of the houses built of this material and to find that all of the floors were wood. In Israel they make the floors of brightly colored mosaic tiles.

### Feels At Home

He does, however feel very much at home here because the climate, trees, and flowers are almost exactly like they are in Israel.

That is, he explained, the normal climate for California is like the climate at home. He arrived here in Torrance during the heat wave and was assured that it was very unusual weather. Of course, he had arrived in New York in the midst of Hurricane Connie and was assured there that it, too, was very unusual weather. "I began to wonder," he said, "if there was such a thing as usual weather in the United States."

He had a choice of living in New York or here in Torrance and chose Torrance immediately. "There is nothing in New York," he said, "to compare with the climate and wonderful people here."

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